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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17, and 19-22 are pending.

Claims 5, 7 and 17 have been amended to delete the term "substantially." Claim 12 has been amended to delete the term "intentionally." Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are overcome in view of these amendments.

Claims 1, 5, 7-12, 13-15, 17 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graunke (US 6731758) in view of Epstein (6490355). Claims 2-4 and 16 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 18 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Graunke is alleged to disclose all of the limitations of the independent claims, except explicitly disclosing providing access to the protected content to the sink device based on the verification step. Epstein is cited to provide the missing elements of Graunke. For the reasons stated in applicants' previous response, applicants respectfully submit that Graunke fails to disclose, either explicitly or implicitly, the cited limitations of the independent claims. However, to move the prosecution of this case forward, applicants have amended the claims as follows. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 2 related to the determination of the approval code using identifiers uniquely associated with the source and sink devices, and determining the local code using data from the sink device and a source identifier prestored in the source device. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18. Claims 19 and 21 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 6. In view of the above, applicants submit that pending claims 1, 5, 13, 17, 19 and 21 are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

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